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SUBJECT: NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 3883, (B) TEL AVIV 6493

1. THE DISCUSSION IN THE CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 19 OF A NEW AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN INITIATED A NUMBER OF PRESS ARTICLES WHICH ALLEGED THAT AMBASSADOR RAFAEL IS BEING REPLACED EARLIER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN. FOR EXAMPLE, DANNY BLOCK WROTE IN DAVAR SEPTEMBER 21 THAT: "RAFAEL'S REPLACEMENT, AFTER A MUCH SHORTER TERM THAN IS USUAL IN THE CASE OF ENVOYS IN MAJOR POSTS, IS SEEN AS REFLECTING DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS TENSE RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND WITH THE JERUSALEM HEAD OFFICE. REPORTS FROM LONDON CLAIM THAT RAFAEL IS ANNOYED TO HAVE LEARNED OF HIS REPLACEMENT FROM THE PRESS, BUT IN JERUSALEM IT IS POINTED OUT THAT A LETTER ADVISING HIM OF HIS IMPENDING RECALL WAS SENT HIM IN AUGUST."

2. BECAUSE OF THESE PRESS REPORTS THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 21:
"THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE MANNING OF THE ISRAEL AMBASSADORSHIP IN LONDON HAVE NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER TO CRITICISM VOICED, REPORTEDLY, IN THE PAST, BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN CONNECTION
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WITH THE REGULAR FUNCTIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ITS

REPRESENTATIONS ABROAD AS WELL AS THOSE OF ITS OFFICES HERE
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